



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Gauselmann

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ENTERTAINMENT AUTOMAT

Examiner: Dolores R. Collins

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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This is in response to the Final Rejection mailed on December 31, 2002 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 31, 2003.

It is believed that the Final Rejection was mailed in error, since the applicant had mailed an amendment with new claim 9, which was apparently received on December 27, 2002. Applicant submits that claim 9 should not have been rejected finally, since claim 9 was acted on for the first time on

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